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JOURNALISTS WELFARE FUND
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount collected so far for the Journalists Welfare Fund for providing ex-gratia relief to Journalists;

(b) the details of amount disbursed to members of family of Journalists who suffered loss of life/permanent disability, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to enhance the amount of ex-gratia relief to journalists;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) The Journalists Welfare Fund has been set up by this Ministry with an initial corpus of Rs. 5 crores.

(b) Ex-gratia relief of Rs.1 lakh each has been disbursed in six cases so far to the family ofjournalists/journalist who were accredited with PIB at Delhi and who suffered loss of life/permanent disability.

(c), (d) & (e): The Journalists Welfare Fund has been set up in 2001-2002.It is not felt necessary to change the amount of ex gratia relief from this fund.